### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_

roperty Name: Kensington Estates Subdivision	Inventory Number: M: 31-25
Address: Roughly bounded by Colchester Drive, Summit Avenue, Parkwood Drive and Ambler Drive	Historic district: yes X no
City: Kensington Zip Code: 21401	County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Kensington	· ·
Property Owner: Multiple	Tax Account ID Number:
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Tax Map Numb	er:
Project: 4407 Puller Drive PV Installation ARRA Agency	y: Maryland Energy Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Energy Administration	
Preparer's Name: Fred Shoken	Date Prepared: 12/13/2010
Documentation is presented in: MIHP Form M: 31-25	
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended	X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria:ABCD Considerations:AI	BCDEFG
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource	e to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number: Eligible:yes	Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)	
The Kensington Estates Subdivision was previously surveyed in a1998 by P.A.C. S Highway Administration for the Short-Term Congestion Relief Study.	Spero & Company on behalf of the State
Description	
Kensington Estates is a suburban neighborhood of some 350 individual houses that War II one story brick bungalows and two story restrained brick colonial revival happroximately one-third of these houses have been radically altered or rebuilt in a character. Located just west of the Kensington Historic District (MIHP No. M: 31 Colchester Drive, Summit Avenue, Parkwood Drive and Ambler Drive. Entirely refrom the street on small 6,000 to 10,000 square foot lots. The original one story hand a side-gable roof. The original two story houses have central entrances flanked the second floor and a side gable roof. These larger houses are generally located in Ambler Street and Puller Drive. Many of the one story houses have been altered we	nouses, but within the past fifteen years manner not consistent with its original 1-6), Kensington Estates is roughly bounded by residential in character, the houses are set back nouses are three bays wide with a central entrance and by windows on the first floor, two windows on in the southern section of the community on
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often including a full front porch. Some of these houses now feature mansard roofs or major side additions. Alterations to the two story houses have not increased heights but added porches or side additions. Some of the mid-Twentieth Century houses have been apparently demolished and replaced with new large frame houses, often with attached garages. One new house on Mathews Street is reminiscent of the International Style. The once homogenous character of a mid-Twentieth Century suburban community, has been completely altered with relatively recent tear downs and "McMansion" conversions.

History

On October 3, 1946, Samuel and Sheldon Magazine purchased a 77 acre tract of land from Frances J. Tarrant known as Joseph's Park (Liber CKW 1046 Folio 32 Montgomery County Land Records). The Magazine Brothers filed subdivision plats for Kensington Estates and began building two story brick houses in the southern portion of the development. According to the Washington Post of September 9, 1947 (Page 11) a contract for water main and sewer extensions in Kensington Estates was awarded to provide for fifty new veterans' homes. An advertisement in the Washington Post of June 6, 1948 (page R5) indicates that the first section of fifty houses were completed and sold and that a new section of 56 houses were available. The ad includes a picture of one of the houses showing restrained Colonial details at the entrance and shutters on the windows. The houses were advertised for \$13,500, \$250 extra for a corner lot and were marketed specifically to World War II Veterans. The houses featured three bedrooms, tile bath and shower, oak floors, and gas heat. A covenant recorded in Montgomery County Land Records (Liber CKW 1083 Folio 201) restricted occupancy in the subdivision to the white or Caucasian race.

An obituary of Samuel Magazine in the Washington Post of February 10, 1989, states that he had been in a family construction business since the late 1920s, first in Baltimore and since the early 1930s in Washington. His company was responsible for building Twin Towers in Silver Spring, the Old Georgetown Inn and the Foxhall and Foxhall Square Apartments in Northwest Washington. He was also a general contractor for the Watergate Apartments. He and his brother were also involved with many Jewish communal groups.

According to the Washington Post of October 18, 1948 (page 12), the residents of Kensington Estates and other neighboring subdivisions were organizing a civic association to work for needed improvements in the area -- an indication that developed had reached a point in the subdivision to warrant such an organization. In 1949, the County Council held a public hearing to build sidewalks on Puller Drive, Ambler Drive, Ewell Avenue, Hebard Street, Mathews Lane and Summit Avenue. According to a petitioner 90% of 108 property owners favored the construction of sidewalks.

A second developer, Kensington Estates, Incorporated, continued the subdivision in 1949. Kensington Estates, Inc. was a partnership of Anthony Campitelli, Nathan Brisker, and George Korth. This firm built the one story houses in Kensington Estates. An August 21, 1949 article in the Washington Post shows a drawing and floor plan of these "luxury economy" houses designed by Fred Taylor, architect. The houses featured two bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room, living room and bath with no basement and sold for less than \$10,000 dollars. Some of the one story houses built by Kensington Estates featured three bedrooms and can be distinguished by a more steeply gabled roof. By the early 1950s, the development was largely complete.

Information on the builders of Kensington Estates, Inc. can be found in a 1962 Washington Post article and obituaries of all three builders: George Korth (1966), Nathan Brisker (2001) and Anthony Campitelli (2004). In 1941, Campitelli, an architect who was born in Italy, teamed up with Brisker, an electrical contractor, born in Russia. George Korth was Brisker's father-in-law. The firms they established were responsible for thousands of houses primarily in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Brisker became the president of the Suburban Maryland Home Builders Association. Campitelli brought in Italian artisans to help craft the finer details in the firms developments. In addition to residences, the group also built shopping centers, apartment buildings and office buildings.

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By 2005, a Washington Post article stated that half the houses in the neighborhood have been expanded, with seemingly one on every block in mid-renovation most of the time. With relatively small houses in a desired neighborhood, these houses were prime for being torn down and replaced with larger houses or altered with major additions. The newer McMansions stand in stark contrast to the more modest mid-Twentieth Century suburban tract homes. Approximately 100 or nearly 30% of the houses in Kensington Estates have been significantly altered within the past 15 years.

#### Geographic Data

While the 1988 survey from on the Kensington Estates Subdivision 1998 by P.A.C. Spero & Company included Warner Street and Knowles Avenue, these streets were not part of the original plats that made up the Kensington Estates subdivision.

Original plats of the Kensington Estates subdivision provide a more accurate map of the subdivision. The original Kensington Estates include plat numbers: 1938, 2016, 2360, 2391 and 2431 (attached). Warner Street and Knowles Avenue were not part of the Kensington Estates subdivision, but were included in Kensington Terrace and Warner's Addition to Kensington.

The following addresses are included in Kensington Estates:

Ambler Drive 4202-4426; 4203-4417 Anthony Street 4202-4218; 4201-4219 Brookfield Drive 4202-4422; 4201-4423 Colchester Drive 4200-4414; 4201-4415 Colfax Street 4402-4418; 4403-4415 Ewell Avenue 10400-10418; 10403-10421 Greenfield Street 10304-10310; 10305-10307 Hebard Street 10404-10422; 10405-10425 Matthews Street 4206-4313; 4203-4301 Parkwood Drive 10304-10514; 10305-10507 Puller Drive 4310-4516; 4311-4515

10208-10404

10402-10410; 10403-10409

#### Evaluation

Vogel Place

Summit Avenue

To be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, planned suburban developments such as Kensington Estates should possess character defining elements as defined in the Maryland Suburbanization Historic Context developed by the State Highway Administration. Planned suburban developments should possess excellent integrity of the building stock, design and plan, and present a significant innovation or contribution to the suburban landscape.

Kensington Estates is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Originally constructed from 1946 to 1950, the community is identical to hundreds of other developments constructed on the periphery of Maryland cities and towns during the mid-Twentieth Century. The construction of this specific development does not represent a historic trend that made a significant contribution to the development of the nation, state, or community. The development does not possess distinctive design features or innovative concepts that would distinguish this development from others, and therefore is not eligible under Criterion A.

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Historic research indicates that the community is not associated with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the community does not include significant elements or architecture, landscape architecture, engineering or artwork. It was a simple community of modest structures with minimal use of architectural detail, therefore integrity of individual resources is critical. Approximately 30% of the houses in the community have been significantly altered or rebuilt in the mode of "McMansions." The community lacks comprehensive design features such as public space, ceremonial entrances, pathways, or original street furniture. Finally, investigations have not been conducted to determine whether the property has the potential to yield important information in history or prehistory, therefore, National Register Criterion D will not be assessed as this time.

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1947 artise on water main and sewer extensions in Kensington Estates:

Valley Contract Awarded
The Washington Post (1923-1954); Sep 9, 1947;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (187)
pg. 11

# Valley Contract

A contract for water main and sewer construction in the Radiant Valley subdivision on Defense Highway, Prince Georges County, Md., has been awarded by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to the Intercounty Construction Co. of Hyattsville.

The company submitted the low bid of \$19,888 for installing the services in Standard dr., 69th ave., Alden dr. Priscilla Way, Sheppard, Naomi and Yvonne sts.

Water main and sewer extensions on Ambler dr., Ewell age. and Hobart st. in Kensington-Estates, Montgomery County, will be constructed by the same company on a low bid of \$10,7444. These services will be provided for 50 new veterans' homes.

Earliest known ad for Kensington Estates (6/6/1948): Display Ad 51 -- No The Washington Post (1923-1954); Jun 6, 1948; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington

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KENSINGTON ESTATES

## **KENSINGTON ESTATES**

(Kensington, Md.)

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#### 50 HOMES IN SECTION 1 COMPLETED AND SOLD TO VETERANS

Magazine Brothers-Builders and Owners

Directions: Out Connecticut Ave. to Kennington, Md., num left on Prospect St. two blocks to County Road, turn left on County Road and block to Amble Drive and right to sample house

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1949 Nathan Brisker Built houses:

West Kensington Organizing New Citizens Group
The Washington Past (1923-1954); Oct 18, 1948;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994)

## West Kensington Organizing New Citizens Group

Residents of West Kensington. Md., from subdivisions known as Kensington Terrace, Kensington Estates and Warner st. and Knowles ave., are organizing a civic association to work for needed improvements in the area.

H. Donald Leatherwood, 62 Knowles ave., temporary president, has appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws. A report will be made at the group's next meeting. November 12, at Kensington Elementary School.

Named to the committee are Joseph M. Mathias, Willie L. Freienmuth, John E. McIlroy, ir., Dr. James Wharton, USN, Medical Corps, Dohrman Byers, Howard P. Morrison and Mr. Leatherwood.

Other temporary officers are Clarence Kefauver, secretary, 4305 Ambler dr., and Byron W. Story, 4304 Ambler dr., both of Kensington Estates,

300 Homes, At \$10,000, To Rise in Md.

The Washington Post (1923-1954): Apr 24, 1949; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994) pg R11

# 300 Homes, At \$10,000, To Rise in Md.

The shift from higher priced homes to construction of \$10,000 residences was evident here this week as several Maryland builders announced housing plans.

Two hundred brick bungalows, expected to cost under \$10,000, are planned in the Kensington Estates area of Kensington, Md., by A. Campitelli, Inc., and Brisker & Korth, Inc. The first section of 57 homes is scheduled to start immediately, with over 100 homes to be completed this year.

Nathan Brisker said the homes would contain two bedrooms of Colonial style, warm-air heat, tile bath, plastered walls, on lots 55x125. The \$10,000 price, or under, will be for homes without basements. With basements, he said, the price is expected to be around \$11,000.

1949 Sidewalks for Kensington Estates:

Montgomery To Try 1-Man Police Cars The Washington Post (1923-1954); Jul 27, 1949; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post

At its meeting yesterday, the County Council held a public hearing on its proposal to lay sidewalks in the Kensington Estates subdivision, assessing homeowners an estimated \$15,208 for the work.

Of the 13 property owners who appeared, 6 spoke for the proposed sidewalks, and 6 opposed Sidewalks would be the idea. provided on both sides of Puller dr., Ambler dr., Ewell ave., Hebard st., Matthews lane, on the south side of Brookfield dr. and the west side of Summit ave.

Joseph Mathias, 4416 Ambler dr., said "about 90' per cent" of the 108 property owners the walks would serve "are in favor of the plan."

But W. L. Knickerbocker, 4310 Ambler dr., presented the council with a seven-man petition opposing the sidewalks. Knickerbocker said the money could be better spent on streetlights or a playground.

Display Ad 40 -- No Title
The Washington Post (1923-1954); Aug 7, 1949;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Page 82

# WAIT

Until You've Seen the First Truly

# LUXURY HOME!

Before you decide on anything, see the newest housing miracle— Kensington Estates. Here, for the first time is a deluxe home—a modern, beautiful, comfortable home! It's an outstanding value at the price!

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Veterans Pay No Money Down! only \$69 Monthly

You'll be surprised at the unusual, expensive features! You'll be amazed by the quality of construction. Come out now for a preliminary look or wait for the formal opening. Only 20 minutes from downtown Washington. Go straight out Connecticut Avenue (becomes Lincoln Road in Kensington) turn left on Knowles Rd. Turn left again on County Road—Go 1 block to Kensington Estates.

## KENSINGTON ESTATES

Designed and Built by Brinker & Korth. Inc., and A. Campitelii Co., Inc. Upsurge Seen he ew Home Constitute Washington Post (1923-1954); Aug ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Wange, R2

# Upsurge Seen In New Home Construction

An upsurge in new home construction in nearby Maryland was reported last week.

A building program of 39 homes on Colchester dr., Kensington, was announced by Kensington Estates, Inc. Fred E. Taylor is architect. Homes are one-story bangalows, without basement, of brick construction.

The Washington Post (1923-1954); Aug 14, 1949: ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Popg. R7

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# AT LAST..

You Can Now See the First Truly

# LOW COST

# LUXURY

This is it! The first post-war luxury home at very low cost! See the newest housing miracle—see Kensington Estates before you buy anything else. At the low price, it's an unusual value.

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Among the many surprise features is a fully equipped General Electric kitchen that's worthy of a \$30,000 home! See all the many other exeiting features today or watch for formal opening announcement. Only 20 minutes from downtown Washington. Go straight out Connecticut Avenue (becomes Lincoln Rd. in Kensington) turn left on Knowles Rd. Turn left again on County Rd.—go 1 black to Kensington Estates.

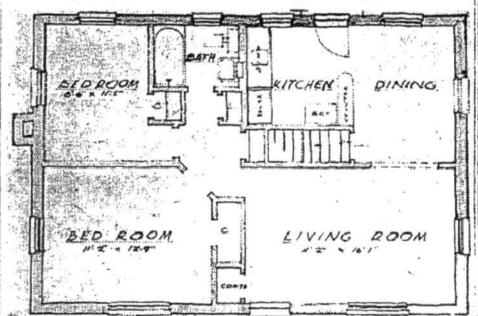
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Designed and huilt by Brisker & Karth, Inc.

# 250 'Luxury-Economy' Homes Started in Kensington Area



Fred Taylor, Architect. Kitchen equipment includes dishwasher, disposal, refrigerator, stove



A project of 250 "luxury-econtwo veteran building firms now opening. lows, with all-electric kitchen in- ects. cluding dishwasher and disposal. The large amount of kitchen will sell at \$9990 with no basement, equipment included in the home is unusual for this area. The buyer

The project is Kensington Estates, absorbed in the average total payoff County rd. The homes have ment of \$69 per month. plastered 'walls, copper plumbing = and other features of more expensive housing.

Fifty-two of the homes have omy" homes has been started by been sold prior to today's formal The builders are the operating in the Kensington, Md. developers of Indian Spring area. Two-bedroom brick bunga- way, all Maryland housing proj-

\$10,990 with basement.

Builders are Brisker & Korth, "package mortgage" which covers Inc., and A. Campitelli & Co., Inc. all the equipment. The cost is

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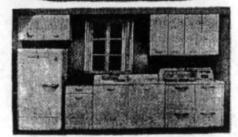
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- Hollywood Tile
   Bath
- · Copper Plumbing
- · Oak Floors

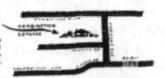
No wonder 150 homes were sold in one weekend! Here is a home of quality-of long-lasting comfort. The price is absolutely amazing when you consider all the de laws features and all the careful planning that makes this home available at low cost. You'll like the large, hospitable rooms—the good location—the modern designing.

Above all, see the GENERAL ELECTRIC KITCHEN! This gleaming kitchen is well worthy of a mansion. You get an ultra modern General Electric Refrigerator, Sink, Electric Dishwasher, Electric Range, Disposall Unit and Storage Cablnets. If you bought this Ge kitchen separately, under normal tinancing, you'd pay \$45, to \$50 a month for the kitchen alone! However, the builders of Kersington Estates purchased the kitchen for you. And because of long range financing the kitchen costs you only \$1.20 a month—and that's included in the \$71 total! This is an extra benefit for you—an extra reason to visit Kersington Estates today.

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Drive sweight out Connecticut Leanne (becomes Linceln Road in Kensingson) to Kensides Lin. Turn left to County Road. Turn left again and go 2 black to Kensingson Ession.



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13 Bungalows Planned Near Kensington The Washington Post (1923-1954); Sep 11, 1949; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994)

## 13 Bungalows Planned Near Kensington

Thirteen brick bungalows will be erected immediately under terms of a building permit application submitted last week by Kensington Estates, Inc. Homes will be erected on Colchester dr., Kensington Estates, Kensington, Md.

The Washington Post (1923-1954); Oct 2, 1949; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington pg. RS

Kensington Homes Plan Progressing

Continuation of the building program of 150 proposed homes at the new Kensington Estates subdivision in Kensington, Md., was indicated last week as a permit application calling for 38 homes was filed.

Units are one-story and basement, of brick construction.

Homes at Kensington The Washington Past (1923-1954); Dec 11, 1949; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994)

Homes at Kensington

A permit application for 29 more houses at Kensington Estates has been filed by Kensington Estates, Inc. Dwellings are one story and basement, of brick. Over 150 houses will be erected in the project.

The Washington Post (1923-1954); Feb 12, 1950; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post pg, R1



The Washington Post

Street scene of brick bungalows completed in Kensington Estates, off County rd., Kensington, Md. Two-bedroom homes, with complete

electric kitchen, sold for \$9990. The builders plan a spring building program off Viers Millrd., Md.

Public reaction to Kensington area housing has been fine, report the builders of Kensington Estates, a new subdivision of 238 bungalows off County rd. and Highway 547.

The builders, A. Campitelli, Inc., and Brisker & Korth, Inc., are sold out. A two-bedroom brick house with all-electric kitchen and full basement sold for \$10,900. Plans are in progress for new housing projects off Viers Mill rd. by the same firms.

Display Ad 50 - No Title The Washington Post (1923 1954); Jun 4, 1950; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994)

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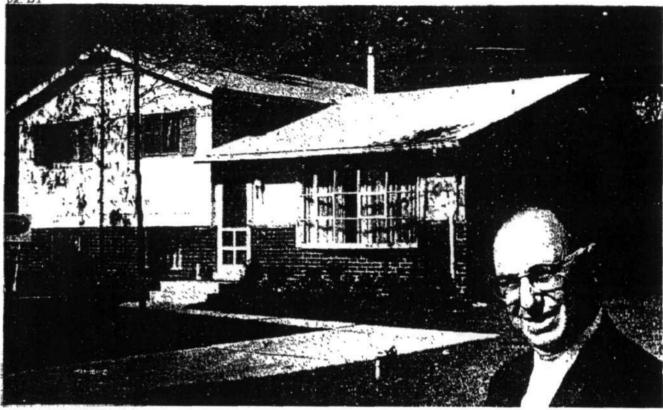
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2 Immigrants Form Durable Building Team

The Washington Post, Times Herald (1959-1973); Sep 15, 1962; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994)

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SMILES OF SUCCESS: Nathan Brisker, one of the developers at Adelphi Mill Park in suburban Maryland, indicates his pleasure in heavy home-seeker traffic last

weekend. He said the number of persons who looked at this split-level model and others exceeded the highest previous total since the project was opened this spring.

# 2 Immigrants Form Durable Building Team

it was the first time for Na. necticut Crest, Parkway, Fern- Park. than Brisker and Anthony Campitelli.

Brisker, now president of the Suburban Maryland Builders Association, disembarked in New York City in 1927. Campitelli arrived two years later from Italy.

Now, after 23 years of business association, they can count 2000 homes built in the Washington area, hundreds of apartment units and more than \$35 million in gross sales.

The partners met in 1941, when Brisker was in the electrical contracting business and Campitelli, a young architect, was working on new housing designs.

The result was llousing Development Corp., a parent company, which has been responsible for creating 10 subdivisions in the Washington area: Kensington Estates. Parkwood, Connecticut Ave-

This isn't the first time it nue Park, Hampshire Forest, wood Estates, Burning Tree division is Adelphi Mill Park,

gone," Brisker pointed out, Nicholas LaCarnila "and we like to think that one According to the builders, eraftsmanship."

ker said.

The builders' present sub-munity entrance.

has happened in America. But Connecticut Gardens, Con-Valley and now Adelphi Mill being built in association with Floyd Abraham, Nicholas

"Builders have come and Marchetti, Hy Korth and

reason for our survival has the site was chosen largely on been adherence to a code of the basis of the fact that it is immediately adjacent to a Brisker attributes much of park, a favorite recreation the craftsmanship to Italian area. Three models are beingenuity and care. "We have ing offered from \$23,200, with been fortunate throughout the 3- and 4-bedroom floor plans years in working with artisans in split-foyer, split-level and of Italian descent. They have rambler designs. Adelphi brought to each job the pa. Mill is reached via New Hamptience and fierce pride in shire ave. to University blvd. their work that characterize East, right to first traffic light many Italian workmen," Bris. at Riggs rd., left on Riggs approximately one mile to com-

George Korth, Retired Builder Of County Housing Projects The Washington Post, Times Herald (1959-1973); Mar 3, 1966; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The Washington Post (1877 - 1994)

# George Korth, Retired Builder Of County Housing Projects

Washington building contrac 1020 Cresthaven dr., Silver lingboro, N.J., and Freda tor, died Tuesday in Miami Spring; Jack, 1101 N. Belgrade Goldman, Chicago; a brother,

arising from emphysema.

A native of Rovno, Russia, Mr. Korth moved to Argentina in 1908 and to the United States in 1917. He lived in Philadelphia working as a car-



Mr. Korth

penter until 1935 when he moved to Washington.

Mr. Korth began business as a building contractor and toward the end of World War II went into partnership with his son-in-law, Nathan Brisker, and with Anthony Campitelli.

The firm constructed such projects as Prospect Gardens and Garfield Manor in Prince George's County and Indian Spring Manor, Forest Estates and Kensington Estates in Montgomery County.

Mr. Korth retired to Miami Beach about ten years ago. He is survived by his wife,

Mary Brisker, 3401 Woolsey grandchildren. dr., Chevy Chase; Millie Markison, 9520 Barroll la., Ken-

George Korth, 84, a former Clara; three sons, Hyman, sington; Pauline Esten, Wilst., Silver Spring, and Ed-David, Philadelphia; a sister, Beach, Fla., of complications ward, 1312 Midwood pl., Sil- Bella Kaplan, Philadelphia, 24 ver Spring; four daughters, grandchildren and five greatOBITUARIES

The Washington Fort (1974-Carpon file), Feb 10, 1985 ProChast Estatical Newspaper: The Washington Post (1877 - 19) 56 C.

# **OBITUARIES**

# D.C. Builder S. Magazine Dies at 78

Samuel Magazine, 78, a retired partner in the Washington construction-firm Magazine Brothers. died Feb. 8 of a ruptured abdominal eneurysm at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney. He lived in Silver

Mr. Magazine had been in a family construction business here since the early 1930s. He retired in 1978.

His company built the Twin Towers in Silver Spring, The Old Georgetown Inn, the Foxhall Square and Foxhall Apartments in Northwest Washington, and was a general contractor for the Watergate complex.

A native of Boston who was raised in Baltimore, Mr. Magazine joined his father's Baltimore construction business in the Inte 1920s. In the early 1930s they moved to Washington, where the elder Magazine started Standard Construction Co. Magazine Brothers Construction was formed in the late 1940s.

From 1966 to 1967 Mr. Magagine was president of the Jewish Foundation for Retarded Children, now the National Childrens Center in Washington. In 1968 he and his brother were recipients of the Hu-manitarian of the Year Award from B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Magazine was a member of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Washington, the Samuel Gompers, Benjamin Franklin Ma-sonic Lodge in Washington, and Woodmont Country Club in Rockville. He also was a founder and trustee of the Ohr Kodesh Congre-

gation in Chevy Chase.

His wife, Hortense Magazine, died in 1978. Survivors include his wife, Mildred Magazine, of Silver Spring: three children from his first marriage. Brenda Friedman of Sharon, Mass., and Phyllis Press and Bruce Magazine, both of Potomac; two stepdaughters, Haldi Stepakof and Joanne Book, both of Potomac; a sister, Minnie Steine of Hallandale, Fla.; a brother and former partner in Magazine Brothers construction, Sheldon Magazine of Rancho Mirage, Colif.; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

#### Obituary - Washington Post

June 18, 2001; Page B06

Nathan Brisker, 90, a Washington area real estate developer who with his business partner built thousands of single-family houses, apartments and town houses, died of pneumonia June 12 at a Miami Beach hospital. He had homes in Chevy Chase and Miami Beach.

Mr. Brisker ran an electrical contracting business when he teamed with architect Anthony Campitelli in 1941 to form Housing Development Corp., a parent company that over the years created dozens of residential subdivisions, primarily in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

They used Italian artisans to build houses in the communities of Kensington Estates, Hampshire Forest, Connecticut Gardens, Burning Tree Valley and Adelphi Mill Park.

Their company also developed shopping centers and office buildings. Some of the landmark properties include the 540-unit apartment complex at University Towers in Wheaton; the Silver Spring Plaza, which consists of a Holiday Inn and a 250,000-square-foot office building; the Fenwick House, a 200-unit apartment building in Silver Spring; and the Long Meadow Shopping Center in Hagerstown.

Mr. Brisker, who continued to work up until about five years ago, was a founder and past president of the Suburban Maryland Home Builders Association. He was an influential figure when Montgomery County created the Housing Opportunities Commission to develop moderate-priced housing.

He was born in Russia. In 1927, he came to the United States with his family, settling in Washington. As a young man, he worked as a truck driver and an apprentice electrician.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Brisker of Chevy Chase and Miami Beach; five children, Joan Evans of Phoenix, Linda Ayers Frederick of San Francisco and Arthur Brisker, Barbara Gershberg and Debby Burk, all of Potomac; two sisters, Edith Vilastrigo of Silver Spring and Lena Brisker of Moscow; 12 grandchildren; and seven great- grandchildren.

#### Obituary - Washington Post

Sunday, September 26, 2004; Page C08

#### **Anthony Campitelli Architect**

Anthony Campitelli, 92, an architect who designed a number of churches, shopping centers and office buildings in the Washington area and who was a partner in a real estate development company, died Sept. 18 at Suburban Hospital of complications of a fall. He lived in Bethesda.

Mr. Campitelli, a native of Italy, came to the United States in 1928. He lived in Philadelphia before settling in the Washington area in 1940. In 1941, he teamed with another immigrant, Nathan Brisker, to form Housing Development Corp., a company that built thousands of houses, apartment buildings, shopping centers and office buildings over the next 50 years.

Among the projects Mr. Campitelli designed were Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and its school in Bethesda, Holy Cross Catholic Church and its school in Garrett Park, Silver Spring Plaza and the 540-unit University Towers apartment complex in Wheaton, where the company had its office. He also designed and developed several housing subdivisions in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, using Italian artisans for the finer details of the buildings. Mr. Campitelli's favorite project was his 1981 Renaissance-style renovation of Casa Italiana, an Italian social center next to the Holy Rosary Church in downtown Washington.

Mr. Campitelli maintained a strong interest in Italian culture and received the Star of Solidarity from the Italian government.

He was an accomplished painter, sculptor and musician who enjoyed playing traditional Italian music on the guitar and mandolin. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and Congressional Country Club.

He had lived for the past 17 years in the second of two houses he designed for himself in Bethesda. He continued to work as an architect and designer until 1997.

His marriage to Vivian Campitelli was annulled.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Juanita Cellini Campitelli of Bethesda.

## In Kensington, It's a Return To the Roost; [FINAL Edition]

Andrea J. Rouda. The Washington Post. Washington, D.C.: May 14, 2005. pg. G.01

In Kensington Estates, what's going on next door provides the ultimate test laboratory when you're thinking of updating your home.

At least half the houses in the Montgomery County neighborhood have been expanded, with seemingly one on every block in mid- renovation most of the time. "An open house in our neighborhood is a big social event," said Nancy Holmes, an executive in business development who grew up in the house she now shares with partner Lynne Hallard, marketing director for a health-care company. "Besides being a fun way to catch up with people, you can get lots of ideas about what to do with your house, and how to do it. A good contractor gets a lot of work around here."

Holmes bought her house from her parents, who paid \$21,000 for it in 1961. When she was a teenager, her family moved away and rented out the house; five years ago, she moved back to give the place some TLC.

Among the updates: all new pipes and wiring, new windows, and a built-in brick patio grill. She and Hallard call the three-bedroom house the "party palace" because of all the entertaining they do.

As president of the Kensington Estates Civic Association, Hallard is an enthusiastic leader of the neighborhood. She was recently elected on what she calls her "brownie campaign" -- everyone who voted for her would get homemade brownies. (She delivered on that campaign promise at her first meeting of the civic association.)

"This area is ripe for commercial development, with only three restaurants — Chinese food, a small cafe, and a sports bar — serving the neighborhood. As popular as those venues are, our residents want more choices; we'd like to be able to spend our dollars right here in Kensington," Hallard said. For their annual \$8 dues, association members stay connected via the community newsletter and a street-by-street resident directory; the neighborhood Web site will be completed by next fall.

Until World War II, the land under Kensington Estates was a farm owned by the Peters family. After the war, builders created the new development but left the original farmhouse intact. The large frame house surrounded by a picket fence lends a sense of history to the neighborhood's 425 homes on 15 streets. The post-War houses -- brick Colonials, one-story Cape Cods and ramblers -- were quite small, but many residents choose to stay rather than move, leading to the rash of renovation.

The Montgomery County neighborhood is also seeing its share of teardowns, said Patty Rhyne-Kirsch, a real estate agent who has lived there since 1993. "A lot of developers are now trying to buy the original houses without additions, paying \$450,000 to \$500,000 for the lot alone, and then build on it. Many of them realize a sizable profit, selling for close to a million," she said.

Several Kensington Estates residents have returned as adults to the friendly place they lived as children.

Bob Geier, an accountant, and his wife, Louise, a retired nurse, may have started that trend; they bought their house from her parents 34 years ago. They raised three children there, and prize the neighborhood's safety. "There's no crime here, unless you count the lighted moose which was stolen from my lawn one Christmas many years ago," Bob Geier said.

The location is a particular draw for the Geiers, who do quite a bit of traveling -- access to all three of the region's airports is easy. "We are equal distance from all of them -- about 35 minutes by car -- so we can book flights out of anywhere and get the best deals. For us, that's a major advantage," Louise Geier said.

Kensington Estates, just outside the Capital Beltway, is also near the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda Naval Medical Command and the new Music Center at Strathmore. A county Ride On bus goes the mile to the Grosvenor Metro stop and the MARC train stops at the nearby Kensington station.

John Knapp is a health-care lobbyist by day and girls' soccer team coach on weekends. "We have tons of friends looking for houses here," Knapp said. "The place is crawling with kids. Sometimes it seems like they're out on their trampolines 19 hours a day, seven days a week."

He and his family moved from the District to Kensington Estates two years ago so the children could attend Montgomery County schools.

In the mid-to-late 1970s, some neighborhood schools closed because there weren't enough students to support them, but these days it's a different story. Kensington Parkwood Elementary School (kindergarten through grade 5) is one of three in the county that have received an arts dissemination grant from the Education Department, integrating the arts into the regular curriculum.

Principal John Ceschini cites the three-year grant as a factor in the recent increase of standardized test scores at his school. "When learning is connected with a hands-on activity, it sticks," he said.

Kensington Parkwood's building is undergoing reconstruction; during this time, buses are ferrying students to classes at a temporary "holding school" nearby. The new building, scheduled to open in January 2006, will have a state-of-the art stage and sound system to further support the arts program.

It's no secret that children rule in Kensington Estates. At least half the neighborhood turns out each June for a welcome-summer party, complete with the usual block party fare, and at Christmas, Santa rides through the neighborhood atop a fire truck, tossing holiday candy to the waiting children. The annual Halloween parade has children and their parents dressing up. "Trick-or-treating is a mob scene around here," said Rhyne-Kirsch, "and everyone knows the ice-cream man."

Outdoor activities abound, with neighbors congregating at several small community parks or at Cedarbrook pool, the site of summer crab feasts.

"We all know each other's faces, even if sometimes we don't know names," Rhyne-Kirsch said.

Plenty of people come out to cheer for the swim team, which occupies many of the younger children, while teenagers can earn spending money working as lifeguards.

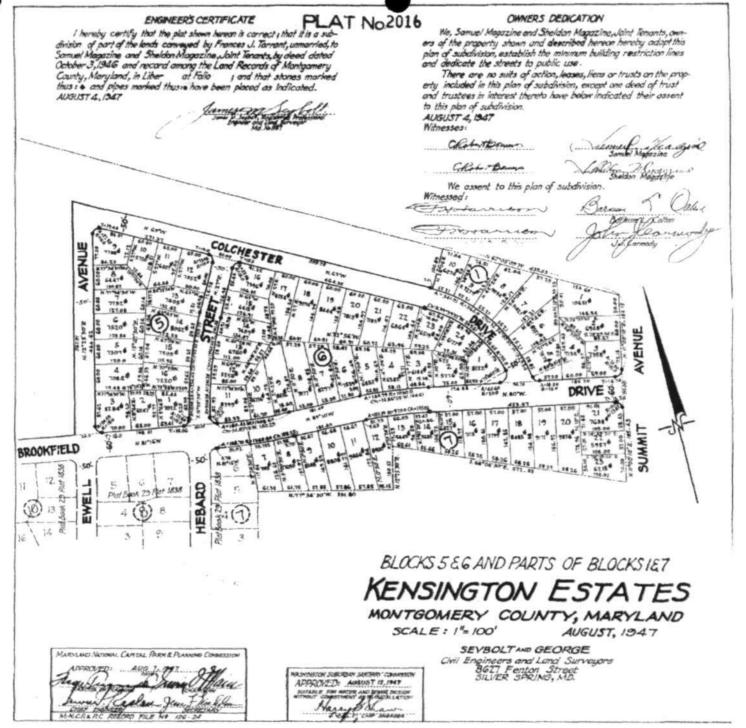
One special perk for newcomers is that if they buy property that backs up to Cedarbrook, their name is immediately put atop the two- year waiting list for membership.

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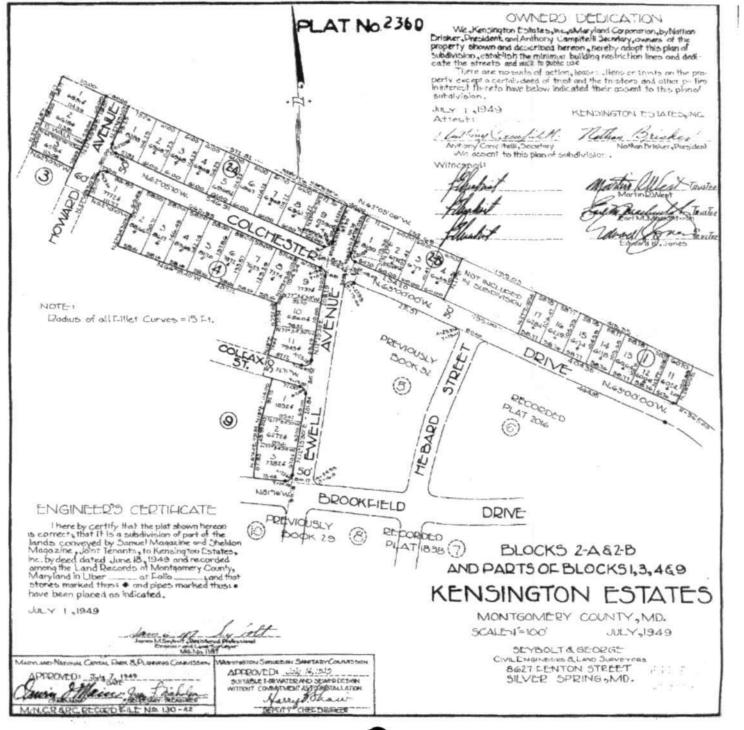




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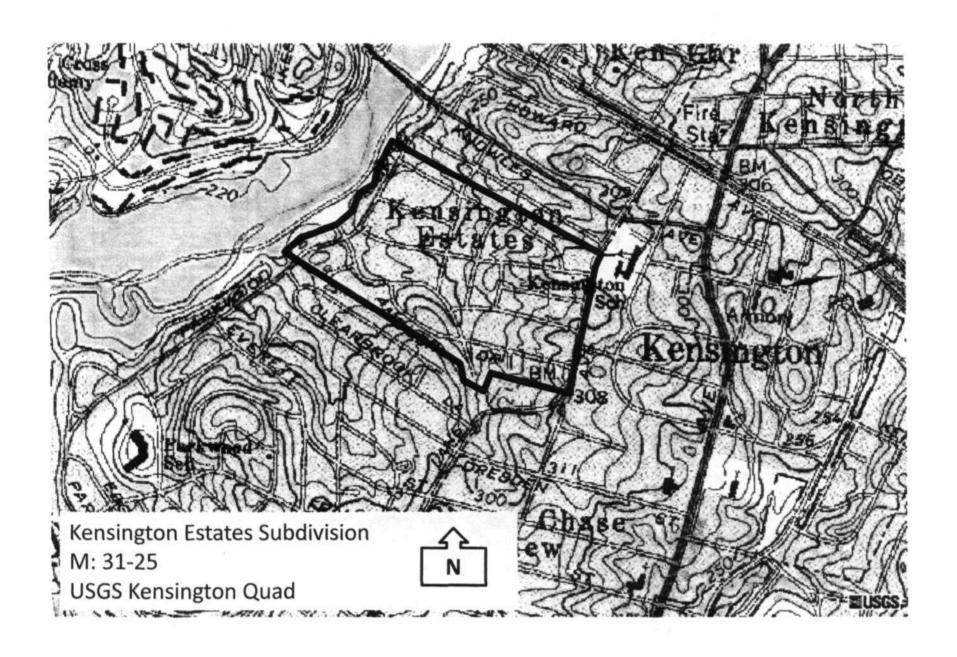


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## Photo Log Kensington Estates Subdivision M: 31-25

1/20	4200 Block Anthony Street (north side) View of one story houses without major additions
2/20	4400 Block Brookfield Drive (north side) View of one story houses in fairly original condition (right), obvious second floor addition (middle) and major second floor alteration (left)
3/20	4400 Block Brookfield Drive (south side) View of original cottage nest to major alteration
4/20	4500 Block Puller Drive (south side) View of "McMansion" between one story houses
5/20	4200 Block Colchester Street (south side) View of original house next to altered houses
6/20	10400 Block of Hebard Street (west side) View of original house next to altered house
7/20	4400 Block Colfax Street (south side) View of major alteration of one story house
8/20	4200 Block Anthony Street (south side) View of new construction and major alterations
9/20	4200 Block Colchester Drive (north side) View of new construction and major alterations
10/20	4200 Block Matthews Lane (north side) View showing new construction reminiscent of International Style
11/20	4216 Anthony Street Example of mansard roof addition to former one story house
12/20	4307 Colchester Drive Example of frame addition with porch and attached garage to former one story house
13/20	10410 Ewell Street Example of major addition reminiscent of Colonial Revival Style
14/20	4211 Matthews Lane Example of large second floor dormer alteration to one story house

15/20 4210 Anthony Street
Example of large side addition to one story house
16/20 4200 Block Abler Drive (north side)
View of two story houses including one with a new wraparound porch
17/20 4300 Block Ambler Drive (south side)
View of two story houses including one with added front porch and side addition
18/20 4300 Ambler Drive
Example of a major side addition featuring a gambrel roof to a two story house
19/20 4204 Ambler Drive
Example of a major alteration to a two story house
20/20 4407 Puller Drive
Example of Solar Panel Installation on two story house with large rear addition

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M: 31-25 KENSINGTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION MONTGOMERY W., MARYCAND FRED SHOKEN 12/2/2010 2 MOSHOO 4400 BLOCK BROOKFIELD DRIVE VITEN OF 1-STORY HOUSE IN FAIRLY ORIGINAL CONDITION (RIGHT) OBUIOUS 240 FLOOR ADDITION (MIDDLE), AND MAJOR 240 FLOOR AUTERATION (LEFT) 2/20



M: 31-25 KENSINGTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION MONTHOMPHY CO., MARYLAND FRED SHOKEN 12/2/2010 MD SHAPO 4400 BLOCK BROOKFIELD DRIVE (SOUTH SIDE) VIEW OF OPIGINAL COTTAGE MOST TO MAJOR AUTERATION 3/20



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M: 31-25 KENSINGTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION MONTGOMERY CO., MARY LOND FRED SHOKEN 12/2/2010 MD. SUPO 4200 BLOCK AMBUER DRIVE (NORTH SIDE) VIEW OF 2-STORY HOUSES WITH A NEW WEAR AROUND PORCH 16/20



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M: 31-25 KENSINGTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION MONTGOMERY CO., MARYLAND FRED SHOKEN 12/2/2010 MD SHPO 4407 PULLER DRIVE EYAMPUR OF SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION OF 2-STORY LOWE WITH LARGE ADDITION

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Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze

Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 31-25

Kensington Estates

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:31-25 (PACS 6.23) Construction Date: 1946-1949

Name: Kensington Estates

Location: Southwest of Summit and Knowles Avenues, Kensington Vicinity, Montgomery

County

Private/Private Residences/Occupied/Good/Unrestricted

## Description:

Kensington Estates, developed between 1946 and 1949, is a subdivision characterized by 1- and 2-story, 3-bay cottages. The subdivision is bounded by Knowles Avenue on the north, Summit Avenue on the east, Puller and Ambler Drives on the south and Parkwood Drive on the west. It is located in the Kensington vicinity of Montgomery County

## Significance:

Kensington Estates is located on land acquired by Samuel and Sheldon Magazine from Frances J. Tarrant in 1946. The Magazines began filing subdivisions plats in the same year. James M. Seybolt was the engineer. The subdivision developed beginning in the south around Ambler and Puller Drives. The area around Summit Avenue was the last to develop. In 1949, the subdivision was named Kensington Estates.

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Resource Count: Approximately 450

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Most of the cottages in Kensington Estates are constructed of brick. There are a few wood-frame examples, usually with asbestos shingles or vinyl siding. Most of the cottages have concrete foundations and asphalt-shingle, side-gable roofs. Colonial Revival details appear on many cottages, as do rear and side additions. Most of the cottages have double-hung windows with shutters.

There are two basic types of cottages in Kensington Estates. The first type, clustered north of Brookfield Drive, is a 1-story, 3-bay cottage with a center entry and a side-gable roof. The pitch of the roof, the ornamentation around the entry, and the width of the windows vary on this type. These cottages are constructed of brick and wood-frame. The second type, clustered south a Brookfield Drive, is a 2-story, 3-bay cottage with a center entry and a side-gable roof. All of these cottages are constructed of brick.

Kensington Estates is located southwest of the intersection of Knowles Avenue and Summit Avenue. The subdivision has a curvilinear design, and the streets are lined with deciduous trees. The neighborhood is surrounded by other suburban residential areas.

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Kensington Estates is located immediately west of the City of Kensington. The town of Kensington had its beginnings in a plantation established by George Knowles in 1839. When the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was planning its Metropolitan Branch line, Knowles provided the right of way. The stop was named "Knowles Station" in 1873 when the Metropolitan line began operation. During this period of rail suburbanization, Brainard H. Warner, president of Columbia National Bank in Washington D.C., built a summer home and planned a commuter development on 50.59 hectares (125 Warner named the development Kensington in admiration for the acres) near Knowles Station. London suburb and his influence with the railroad led to the decision to change the station's name to Kensington as well. Prior to the name change in the early 1890s, the settlement already boasted two general stores. The first store was built by Harry K. Manakee around 1880. building served as a general store until W. J. Umstead converted it into a hardware store in 1923. In the 1880s Francis Fawcett opened a store which also included a post office. the train station was built in 1891, Fawcett's store sold train tickets. The Fawcett's ran the store until 1923 when it was sold to Harry Wormer and then to Samuel Victor in 1928. In 1898 the "Town of Kensington" was incorporated (Beck 1994; Hiebert and MacMaster 1976, 216-219; Montgomery County Historical Society; Soderberg 1996).

Kensington Estates is typical of neighborhoods constructed in Montgomery County after World War II. Montgomery County experienced a rapid increase in population after World War II. Little residential construction had occurred during the Great Depression, and the shift to a wartime economy during World War II brought residential construction to a virtual stand-still. These factors combined to create a critical housing shortage by 1945 (Tindall 1984:1240). In addition, after the war, permanent housing had to be provided for returning veterans and new government workers. Many American families could afford housing which would have been beyond the reach of lost Americans in any previous generation. Automobile ownership also skyrocketed in the post-war period, revolutionizing the way Americans lived. Now, most people not only had the means to buy a newer, more desirable home, but they had the mobility to live someplace where sufficient land

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM RESOURCE NAME: Kensington Estates

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# 8. Significance (Continued)

was available to enable them to escape the congestion of the city (Relph 1987:158-162). During the 1940s, several new trends altered the character of suburban neighborhoods. After 1945, the federal government spent billions on expressways to enable people who lived in the suburbs to commute to work in the city. Beltways and other highways linking suburbs together were also constructed. In many cases, extensive suburban development occurred in areas which likely would have remained undeveloped were it not for the existence of these highways. After the war, however, houses in the new low-cost developments were purchased primarily by veterans and young families with little disposable income. These communities were characterized by 1½-story, front-gabled cottages and simple twentieth century architectural styles.

The dwellings in Kensington Estates are examples of vernacular cottages. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as <a href="House Beautiful">House Beautiful</a>, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as <a href="American Builder">American Builder</a>. A variety of frontable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to midwentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed between 1946 and 1949, Kensington Estates is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the cottages represent a common and indistinctive type of architecture constructed by a developer to provide low-cost housing during the period of post-war expansion. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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See Attached

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries state code county code

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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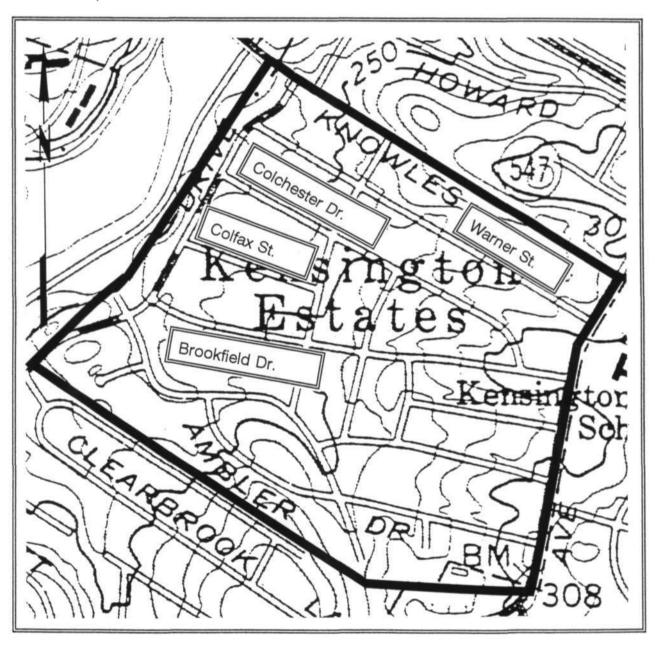
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Resource Sketch Map



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

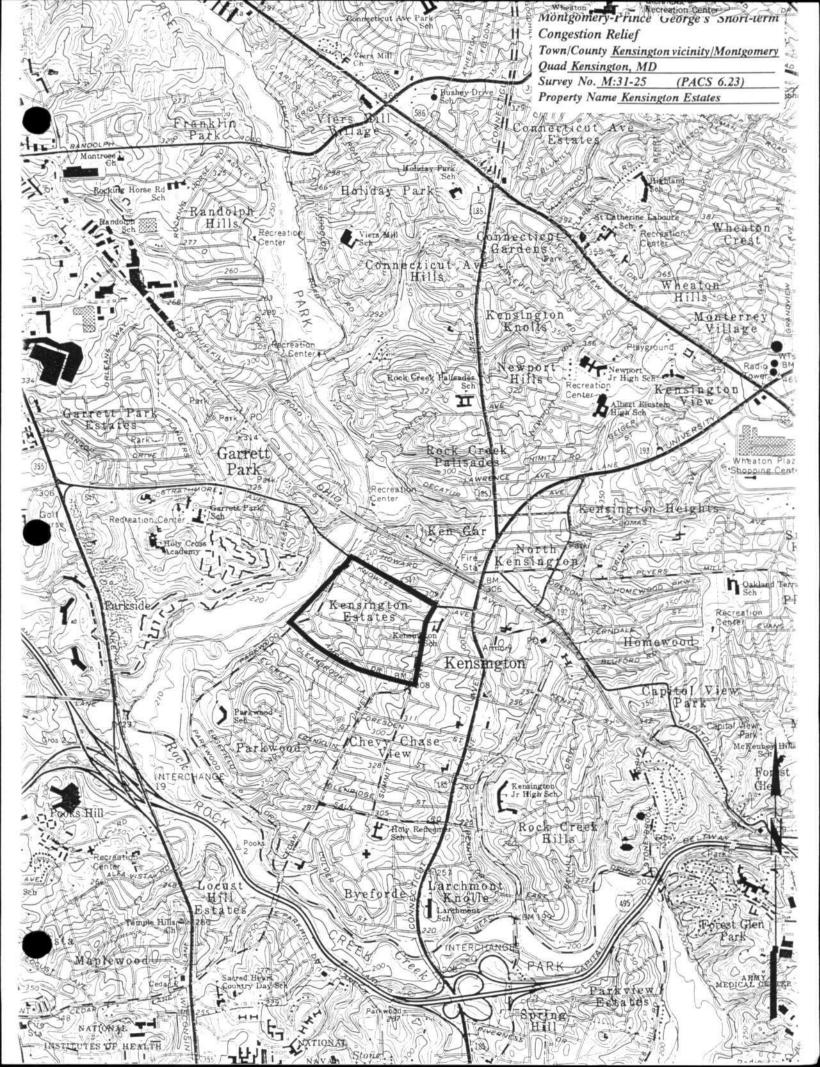
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residences

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

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